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Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

We are calling your attention to a serious Government-wide problem of growing proportions. This problem concerns the inordinate increase in the number of complaints the General Services Administration (GSA) is receiving from the public regarding alleged misuse of GSA Interagency Motor Pool System vehicles. This increase stems in part, we believe, from the heightened attention Government vehicles are receiving during the current period of gasoline shortages.

We are requesting that rules governing authorized use of Government vehicles be stressed to your supervisors and employees. Officers and employees of the Government shall use Government-owned or -leased vehicles for official purposes only. "Official purposes" does not include transportation of an officer or employee between his place of residence and place of employment, unless authorized under the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 638a(c)(2), or other applicable law. In this period of long gas lines in parts of the country, rules prohibiting the conversion of Government vehicles to personal use cannot be overemphasized.

GSA is required, under section 211(1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 491(1)), to notify the head of the agency using the vehicle of a reported violation and the using agency is required to conduct an investigation.

In addition, we are requesting you to emphasize to your supervisors and employees alike the requirement to operate GSA Interagency Motor Pool System vehicles in accordance with all other applicable laws and regulations. Federal employees are not exempt from State and local traffic laws and are personally responsible for fines or other penalties incurred as a result of violations of such laws.

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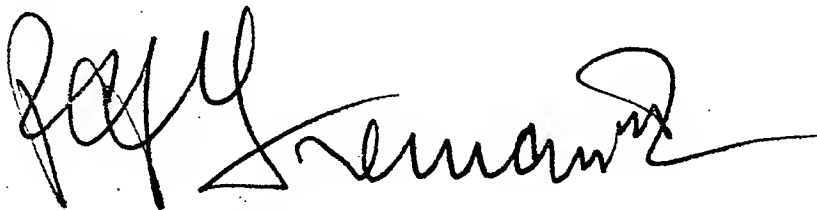
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Prudent and lawful use of Government vehicles is expected and required of Federal employees. Moreover, the public's perception of the Federal employee, as well as of the Government's performance of its mission, frequently may be based on how Government vehicles - a highly visible symbol of Federal presence in a locality - are used.

We urge you to join us in taking decisive action to ensure that Government vehicles are operated properly and used for official purposes only.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. G. Freeman III", written in a cursive style.

R. G. Freeman III
Administrator